

# 5TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FAIR

## Liberal, Kansas, Sept. 12-15, 1916

### A Great Display of the Resources of the Great Southwest--By Its People, for Its People

An institution organized for the advancement of agricultural, educational, social and live stock interests of the Great Southwest, where a few days of healthful and helpful recreation are available at a low cost to the citizen of the short grass country.

#### Bigger, Better, Brighter Than Ever Before

The Peoples Fair. Not operated for profit. The revenues of this fair are all put back into better buildings and better equipment for better fairs of the future. It is for you.

#### Begins Tuesday, Sept. 12th

TUESDAY: Organization Day.  
WEDNESDAY: Parade Day.  
THURSDAY: Oklahoma Day.  
FRIDAY: Southwest Jubilee Day.

Balloon ascension and parachute drop every day.  
Music by the Liberal Cornet Band.  
Racing every day. Ball games.  
Free open air entertainments every day.

#### Big Live Stock Show Big agricultural exhibits Big Poultry Show

Fine Exhibits in Art, Textile, and Kitchen Departments

Prepare to Enter Prize Winners

Thirteen Great Racing Events; Plenty of Music; Lots of Entertainment; Bushels of Fun. Don't Miss the big floral and trade Parade, Wednesday, September 13

The Nebraska Feature Film Co., of Omaha, Nebraska, will take motion pictures of the Big Parade, the Ball Games, Horse Races, School Children, Crowds in the Grandstand and on the Grounds. Get in the pictures. They will be shown at the Majestic Theatre in Liberal for 3 nights about ten days after the fair closes.

Music by the band and free out door attractions during the Race Programs. Come Every day. See It All.

LEE LARRABEE, Pres.

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J. G. AULT, Sec'y

#### SARATOGA

The daily papers of Kansas recently contained a news item that lightning had destroyed the last of the buildings on the old town site of Saratoga, Kansas. There was a time when Saratoga was one of the boom towns on what was then the frontier. The founders of it had picked a really picturesque location, and with an eye looking toward the future, when perhaps it would be the fashionable watering place of central and western Kansas, they named it Saratoga. The Ninnescah, one of the most beautiful streams in the state, with its swift flowing and crystal waters, babbled its way through the site of what its founders believed would some day be a busy and beautiful city. The Ninnescah at this point had a sufficient volume of water to justify, in the opinion of the town builders, the erection of a water-power mill, and the fertile prairies that lay all about gave promise of abundant harvests of wheat to supply that mill and many more.

The little town of Luka lay six miles to the north of Saratoga and four miles farther from the geographical center of the new county of Pratt. Luka had the temporary county seat. It was the first and most important job of the Saratoga founders to try to pull that county seat from under the Lukans, who were determined to hold it down if possible. The county seat fight in Pratt county differed only in degree from the county seat contests in dozens of other Kansas counties. There was not so much shooting as in many other cases, or at least the aim of the shooters was not so good, as I do not now recall that anybody on either side was actually killed during the contest. In other respects it had all the bad features and accompaniments of county seat fights generally.

When you get the comfortable notion in your head that you are perfectly honest and that under no circumstances would you deviate from the paths of rectitude, don't be too sure about yourself. Maybe you have never been tried. The world is full of people who have maintained a fair reputation for integrity all their lives simply because they have never really been tested. The county seat fight was the acid test of an honest man. If he could come through that with a good reputation; if he could, after it was over, look any man in the face and say truthfully, "I have never resorted to dishonest practices, I have never been concerned in an

attempt to carry an election by dishonest and unlawful means, never been guilty of perjury, or of attempts to corrupt a court, and all this I can unblushingly declare before God and man," then that man can contemplate the day of final judgment without fear or trembling, for he has stood the acid test. Just now I cannot remember any man who was mixed up with a county seat contest who could stand that test, but possibly there may have been such a man.

I have known men who had lived until middle life or even longer, with excellent reputations who, when plunged in the heat of a county seat fight, would lie like tramps, steal without compunction of conscience; stuff ballot boxes with unhallowed joy and contribute to the employment of professional bandits whose business it was to terrorize, beat up and, if necessary, kill the leaders of the opposition.

Every form of lawlessness from petit larceny to murder was resorted to in these contests and each side justified its action on the ground that necessity knew no law.

When it became evident that Saratoga was going to win in its contest with Luka, the thought occurred to some of the Luka leaders that Saratoga could be checkmated by establishing a town in the exact geographical center of the county, and so the new town of Pratt was born. Then the contest shifted from Luka to Pratt. The story of that final contest is too long to tell here. It is sufficient to say that Pratt finally won and the doom of Saratoga was written. Some echoes of that bitter contest were heard afterward when an attempt was made to collect something on the bonds which Saratoga had issued in the days of her prosperity, when the future loomed rosy before her.

The principal object of interest now at the old townsite is the state fish hatchery. It is said that the Kansas fish hatchery is one of the most complete found in any state. It has cost the hunters and those who imagine they are hunters a great deal of money, but my private opinion is that there is not a fish more in the waters of Kansas than if that hatchery had never existed. I want you to remember that I say this is my opinion. I may be very badly mistaken. I am not much of a fisherman and do not know much about the habits of fish, but my judgment is that the money spent in building this

fish hatchery might have been spent to better advantage.—T. A. McNeal in Mail and Breeze.

#### HOW THE WORLD EMPTIES AND FILLS

Twenty-two years ago Coxey's army marched to Washington. The papers were full of it. Mention Coxey to anybody over 35 years old and see the understanding in his face. Know Coxey and his blooming army? Well, I should say so! Now try Coxey on men and women in the twenties. Just try it. It will open your eyes. Coxey? Who the blazes is Coxey? Looks of confusion and ignorance.

Coxey, you see, quit advertising. That is, the Coxey publicity ceased. And the world has filled up with people who never heard of him. Millions and millions of them.

That is the way of some advertisers. They speak up a few times then go back to their factories. There, by George, we've told 'em! And then old Father Time begins to work. And the undertaker. And the parson armed with a marriage license. And the baby carriage. And rheumatism. And, first you know, the world is peopled with new bosses, new buyers and new housekeepers who never heard of you. Incredible! What!—never heard of ME? No, never heard of YOU! Sorry to disappoint you.

Man is provided with a great big ego. If he didn't have it he couldn't stand it to live. Without an ego he would probably take one look at the moon and go jump in the lake. Now the best thing that an ego does is to give you a fine feeling of permanence. Of course you aren't permanent, and your sense tells you so. But Mr. Ego keeps trying to make you THINK you are. What he aims to do is to make you feel comfortable. Nice thing to have around—an ego. You need him in your business. But don't believe everything he tells you. He is the most agreeable and ever present liar on your premises.—John M. Siddall in the American Magazine.

#### Just the Thing for Diarrhoea

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "It became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was as well as ever." Many druggists recommend this remedy because they know that it is reliable. Obtainable everywhere.

#### SPARKS FROM THE FIRE WASTE

The fire waste of the country is excessive, and is sapping its prosperity. Reduction of the fire waste is an important part of the campaign for the conservation of the national resources.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada in 1915 were \$184,959,100, most of them due to carelessness.

Fire losses and the cost of fire prevention in the United States amount annually to \$450,000,000, or more than the total American production of gold, silver, copper and petroleum in a year.

The cost of fires each year is one-half the cost of all the new buildings erected in a year.

The annual per capita fire waste in the United States is \$2.51, in Europe, 33 cents. Cause: The latter has better construction, less carelessness, increased responsibility.

If buildings in the United States were as fireproof as in Europe, the annual cost of fire losses and protection would be only \$90,000,000.

Over 5000 persons are killed and 50,000 are injured annually as a result of fire.

Defective flues are responsible for 13 per cent of all the fires.

All fires are the same size at their start. Every second counts; so be prepared.

An ounce of fire prevention is worth a pound of fire extinguishment.

The way to get lower insurance rates is to have fewer fires.—National Fire Protection Association.

#### WHY SOME MEN ARE FAILURES

A whisky ad declared: "Total abstinence is a form of fear—and fear is the cause of failure. Cast out fear." A profound thought, this. But why confine it merely to the matter of abstinence from alcohol? You don't smoke? Then, of course, you're a coward. You abstain from profanity? Be a hero; indulge in oaths "moderately." Do you often beat your wife? What, never? Some booze magnate may accuse you of showing the white feather if you don't knock her down—"in moderation." That advertisement clears up for us the puzzle of why there are so many failures in the world. They simply don't booze; that's all the trouble. Be a hero. Get soused and succeed!—Collier's Weekly.

For bargains in feed and hay see Johnston. Phone 24.

#### DOTS AND DASHES WIRE NEWS OF THE WEEK

##### War News.

Reports from Saloniki show that the general engagement which began Friday and is continuing with intensity over an extended front from Florina, near Monastir, to the river Struma, represents an irregular line nearly 150 miles long.

After breaking through the Stokhod line in Volhynia the Russians made a further advance and captured several positions, the Petrograd war office announced recently. Spirited fighting is in progress in the Carpathians near the Hungarian frontier.

Assaults by British and French forces against German positions north of the Somme in France have resulted in the gaining of additional ground by the attackers, according to the British and French war offices. The French advance was in and around Maurepas, the scene of much hard fighting during the past few weeks, and the British gain was in the direction of Ginchy and Guillemont, near the southern end of their section of the Somme front.

There has been little activity on the eastern front, according to the official reports. The Teutonic allies have taken the offensive on the Greece-Serbian frontier, north of Saloniki.

Six determined German counter attacks on the British trenches were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers, according to the official statement issued by the British war office. Northwest of Bazentin the British captured about one hundred yards of German trenches.

Some mystery exists as to the situation on the Eastern front. For two consecutive days the Russians have confined themselves to statements that nothing of importance had occurred. The Austrian and German war offices have been almost equally uncommunicative.

The French and British, striking with terrific force in three directions on the Somme front, have stormed nearly three miles of German trenches, driving forward at points to a depth of three hundred to five hundred yards. The most important gains were made by the British and French troops striking north from the point where the Allied lines meet.

#### LANDLORD SHOTS DOWN TENANT

Former Federal Court Clerk W. T. Ward Shoots Seton Hurst.

Tishomingo.—W. T. Ward, a prominent citizen of Tishomingo, shot and killed Seton Hurst, a tenant on one of Ward's farms, nine miles north of here.

There seems to have been ill feeling between the two men for several months which reached its culmination when they met in the road near the Ward home. A few words were spoken and then two shots were fired, one taking effect in Hurst's face just below the eye and the other in the body. Hurst was riding a horse and the second shot was fired while he was falling.

Physicians say that Hurst's neck was broken, caused by the fall from his horse. Ward was arrested and placed in the county jail at Tishomingo to await preliminary examination, the date of which has not yet been fixed.

Ward is an old-time citizen of this part of the country, having been for a long time clerk of the federal court, during territorial days.

High Record For Pork.  
Oklahoma City.—The record price of \$10.15 a hundred pounds was paid for live pork at the Oklahoma City yards last week. This beat the former local record of \$10.05, established two weeks ago, by a dime. The supply of live pork at the Oklahoma City market was scant, only 1,400 head showing up. This partly accounted for the big price. Demand for pork was great, and this had a bearing. Local packers declared that they would not be surprised should even the high mark of \$10.15 be bettered.

Fire At Jones.  
Oklahoma City.—Fire of unknown origin at Jones in Oklahoma County destroyed the Frisco railroad depot, McMullen's general merchandise store and several other business buildings in that town, causing a loss, it is estimated, of approximately \$20,000. The fire started in the depot about 4 o'clock in the morning and gained headway so rapidly that the Jones City fire department was unable to check it. Flames reached four cars of alfalfa on the Frisco tracks, destroying them, then jumped to the business section.

President Wilson has vetoed the Army Appropriation Bill because of exemptions from discipline for retired officers forced into it by the House conferees, led by Representative Hay, over the opposition of the War Department. A new bill will be necessary and may delay adjournment of congress.